

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 16 are pending in this application. Claim 8 is amended by the present amendment. Support for amendments and additions to the claims can be found in the specification as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

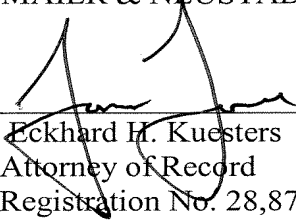
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-8, 16 were allowed.

In the present response Claim 8 was amended to correct a minor informality. Specifically, Claim 8 was amended to recite "...and the second memory with each other." Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 8 remains patentable for the same reasons that the allowed Claims 1-8, 16 were allowed.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed again to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-8 and 16 is earnestly solicited.

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